

Dear Public Safety and Security Committee,

I write to SUPPORT HB 6684, "An act excluding certain target shooting pistols from provisions on assault weapons."

Current CT "assault weapons" definitions include certain firearms that are commonly used in competitive shooting matches. These firearms are typically small caliber and because of their precision and quality, are very expensive. They are extremely unlikely to be used by criminals to commit crimes of gun violence, and being banned as "assault" weapons simply does not make sense. The current law makes it extremely hard for Connecticut athletes to legally participate in these competitions because these guns cannot be used in CT.

I support this bill because it will exclude these weapons from CT's assault weapons ban, and allow CT athletes to compete legally with the equipment and practice they need to compete their best.

Sincerely,

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